



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hidehei Kageyama et al.

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**For:** COMPOSITE HOLDING DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1 and 4-27 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-6, 11, 14, and 16 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 21-27 are added. Claims 1, 6, 11, 14, and 16-20 are independent.

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